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SUBJECT: MOTOR VEHICLE DOMESTIC CONTENT REQUIREMENTS

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1. PORTUGAL DOES HAVE AUTOMOBILE DOMESTIC CONTENT LEGISLATION WHICH IS APPLIED TO MANUFACTURE (ASSEMBLING) IN PORTUGAL. FOLLOWING ARE THE PRINCIPAL PROVISIONS:

A) THE VALUE OF NATIONAL (PORTUGUESE-MADE) COMPONENTS IN EACH MODEL LINE ASSEMBLED MUST REPRESENT A MINIMUM PERCENTAGE OF THE TOTAL VALUE OF NATIONAL AND FOREIGN COMPONENTS. THESE MINIMUM PERCENTAGES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

-- PASSENGER OR COMMERCIAL VEHICLES UP TO 3500 KILOGRAMS GROSS:

20 PCT IN 1973

25 PCT IN THE YEARS 1974 TO 1979

-- VEHICLES WEIGHING MORE THAN 3500 KILOGRAMS GROSS:

10 PCT IN 1973

20 PCL IN THE YEARS 1974 TO 1979

B) DISASSEMBLED VEHICLES ARE THOSE SATISFYING THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INTERNATIONAL DEFINITION OF CKD VEHICLES.

C) IMPORTED COMPONENTS ENTER THE COUNTRY UNDER "FREE ZONE" STATUS.

D) EACH VEHICLE AFTER BEING ASSEMBLED IS ASSESSED A TAX EQUAL TO THAT DUTY ON AN EQUIVALENT IMPORTED COMPLETELY BUILT UP CAR WITH A CERTAIN PERCENTAGE DISCOUNTED.

E) THE PERCENTAGE DISCOUNTED IN (D) ABOVE IS 8 PCT PLUS A FIXED PERCENTAGE OF THE NORMAL DUTY ON A BUILT UP CAR. FOR THE YEARS 1974-79 A VEHICLE UP TO 3500 KILOGRAMS GROSS WILL HAVE THE NORMAL DUTY DISCOUNTED BY 28 PCT IF IT HAS 25 PCT NATIONAL COMPONENTS; 43 PCT IF IT HAS 40 PCT NATIONAL COMPONENTS; 63 PCT IF IT HAS 60 PCT NATIONAL COMPONENTS; 100 PCT IF IT HAS MORE THAN 60 PCT NATIONAL COMPONENTS.

F) BUS BODIES ARE NOT SUBJECT TO ANY MINIMUM SCHEDULE OF NATIONAL COMPONENTS.

G) THERE IS NO DUTY ON IMPORTED COMPONENTS IF THEY GO INTO CARS WHICH ARE EXPORTED.

H) BUILT-UP AUTOMOBILES MAY ONLY BE IMPORTED BY ASSEMBLERS.

I) ASSEMBLERS MAY IMPORT EACH YEAR A VOLUME OF BUILT-UP CARS EQUIVALENT TO ONLY 2 PCT OF THE TOTAL OF THAT MODEL ASSEMBLED THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

J) IMPORTS OF BUILT-UP CARS OF THOSE MODELS NOT ASSEMBLED IN PORTUGAL ARE LIMITED TO 15 UNITS OF EACH MODEL EACH YEAR.
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